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Health services executive returned

The executive of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Board will be the same for the coming year. The executive was confirmed by the board following the corporation's annual meeting June 26 in Minden.

Continuing on the board will be chair Hugh Nichol, first vice chair David Coulson, second vice chair Ross Rabjohn, secretary Rita Jones and treasurer Ken Wilson. Paul Heffer remains in the position of immediate past president.

There was some discussion about the position of second vice chair, held by Ross Rabjohn. He is one of two members appointed by Haliburton County Council. Rabjohn, the reeve of Sherborne et al, has indicated that he does not intend to seek office in the upcoming municipal election later this year.

Concern was expressed about the fact that since Rabjohn would not be a member of council as of December, the position of second vice chair and the chairmanship of the finance committee would be vacant as well. Board member Paul Heffer pointed out that it is important to maintain continuity in this key position and the board should consider appointing another member of the board. He said that in addition to the continuity that would be established, it would also allow another member of the board to move into an executive position.

Rabjohn admitted there would not be any guarantee he would be appointed by the county next year, but he was interested in the work and seeing the challenges through to completion.

A letter from County Warden Murray Fearrey was read to the meeting. The letter said the council was pleased with the representation provided by Rabjohn and the other county appointment Elva Bates.

Heffer noted that his concern was about the important

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Three year old Bailey Cole discovered that this face painting thing isn't all it's cracked up to be, at least not while the paint is being applied, no matter how gently. But the crinkled nose and furrowed brow quickly disappeared when the painting was over and she had been transformed into a black nosed puppy dog. For more photos from Minden's Canada Day celebrations, please turn to pages six and seven.

HHSS science innovator wins national recognition

by Kevin Brezina

For those who have been neither a student nor a teacher in the Haliburton Highlands school system during the last four years, energy, light and matter may seem to be an unusual and ambitious combination of subjects to teach. These are the scientific big three after all; the nuts and bolts of the universe.

Over the last five years, groups of students under the leadership of Dave Mowat, have been attempting to simplify and teach these somewhat abstract concepts to elementary school students through a program known as ELM, (Energy, Light, Matter).

It's no secret to anyone who has participated in the program how important Mowat's leadership has been. This exceptional effort was formally recognized by the Canadian College of Teachers, June 27, as The HHSS science teacher was awarded the Margaret A. Johnson Memorial Teaching Excellence Award.

The ELM program started in 1993 as an Earth Day project for the HHSS OAC biology and grade 11 entrepreneurship classes. The idea was to provide intermediate level students with a living, breathing classroom, where lessons on science could be mixed with an athletic dynamic to produce an entirely original learning experience.

What resulted was a trail through the forest behind the high school in Haliburton with a number of stops or "stations". At each of these stations, the students would be presented with a short skit or problem solving situation related to the three key concepts.

The program started out small, with only 21 elementary school

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Dave Mowat, HHSS science teacher.

Auditor gives municipality an A+

The Municipality of Anson, Hindon and Minden got a good report from auditor Gary Thurston. Thurston attended the June 26 council meeting to go over the 25-page annual auditor's report with members of council.

The auditor commended the department heads, and especially clerk-treasurer Tammy McKelvey, for their good budgeting practices. He pointed out that municipal staff members were very helpful.

"The books have been well kept," he said. "That's a marked improvement over the years."

The overall picture for the municipality looks good.

"You have surpluses in all accounts this year," Thurston told council.

He noted that the tax arrears are down by almost two per cent from 1996 to 14.5 per cent. The high was more than 20 per cent in 1991.

"The target should be around 13 per cent," Thurston said. "I think the minis-

try would be happy with that."

Thurston said that commercial and industrial assessments should improve if what is happening in the south is any indication.

Another bit of good news is that the municipality didn't have to borrow from outside sources in 1996. When necessary, the township self-financed, by borrowing from its own reserves. Thurston said that the reserves still meet with any ministry guidelines.

Thurston suggested that council should give some thought to paying down the water and sewer debentures by borrowing from the municipality's \$1.6-million in reserve funds. The rate of interest on the debentures is 10 per cent, while the reserve funds are earning a much smaller return.

Councillor Daryl Moore suggested that by borrowing from reserves and paying an interest rate of five per cent, the municipality would be much better off.

"We'd be paying five per cent to ourselves rather than 10 per cent to the bank," he said.

Deputy-reeve Jerry Rome cautioned that it may be tempting to pay down the debentures, but there is more to such a

situation than meets the eye. Thurston agreed that council would be well advised to study the possibility carefully before making any decision. He added that there are people willing to re-debenture at a lower rate, which is another avenue to be explored.

Board votes on vice chair position

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post of finance committee chair, especially considering the major capital projects in the near future. He said Rabjohn had served the board and finance committee well during his appointment and his expertise should not be discarded. He suggested he continue on the finance committee to help ease any transition to a new chair.

Nichol said he approached board member Ted Wilkes about taking on the position of second vice chair and he had agreed to let his name stand.

First Vice Chair David Coulson noted that the board is at a critical stage in its development and the fact that all members of the executive had been proposed by the nominating committee reflected that. He said continuity with County Council is critical at this point and he suggested Rabjohn should remain.

Board member Doug Campbell agreed with Heffer and suggested that Rabjohn could be made a special member of the finance committee to ensure a smooth transition. He also suggested the board was wrong to have placed a political appointee in this position (as a member of the executive). Campbell said "For the first time the board has a balance sheet from which to work. This appears to be a good place for a new chairman (of the finance committee) to step in and lead the way."

Wilkes said he would be pleased to serve as second vice chair and head of the finance committee. He said it was a matter of when the board felt the continuity should begin, now, in December or 12 months from now.

The second vice position was decided by a secret ballot with the board deciding to keep Rabjohn in the post.

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Festival continues to grow

by Misty Bennett

Artisans, crafts people and other skilled hobbyists of every description took part in at the Seventh Annual Highlands Artisans' Festival at the Minden Community Centre this past weekend.

The festival is a popular show for many artists due to the large number of spectators it attracts. This year was no exception.

Among the many articles for sale were stuffed animals, stone and wood carvings, children's clothing, embroidery, folk art, stained glass, pottery, silk articles, paintings in both watercolour and oils, jewellery and numerous other fanciful items that would add a beautiful touch to any home.

A number of local artisans were present at the show, as well as others who ventured from areas farther afield, including Peterborough and Gravenhurst.

Kirkony Iron Works was there with an impressive display of items handcrafted by David Hollows, including a beautiful iron arbour, wind chimes and other articles.

"Soundings", Discoveries in Stone and Fabric, a husband and wife team of Kim and Wilma Warne had an eye-catching display combining Kim's craft of stone carving and Wilma's handmade clothing and blankets. While Kim still resides in Marmora, his weekend commutes to his wife at the cottage will end when he retires and moves to Haliburton full time.

One booth combined the skills of two local artists,

Linda McGillivray and Cheryl Lafferty, both of Kinmount. These sisters have been attending the Artisans' Festival for the past five years and always enjoy a successful show.

McGillivray's talents lie in her stained glass work, and she maintains a studio along with her husband on the Galway Road outside of Kinmount. She specializes in custom work, especially custom designed entrance ways. A lot of the people who visit their booth at the Artisans' Festival will come to the studio to see more of the work, says McGillivray.

Lafferty's studio is on Howland Junction Road. She teaches her craft of folk art to all levels of students and has been painting full-time for seven years. Like her sister, she enjoys doing custom work including painting people's homes, cottages, or pets on milk cans, cow bells, saw blades and even watch faces.

This is the first year for Jim and Barb Todd of Minden. Their display table boasts a number of items from small decorative shelves to crocheted dish cloths and afghans, as well as a number of decorated bottles and a photo album showing some of the many kitchen cabinets that Jim has designed and built.

Earth and Fire Pottery was another local business present at the Festival. Owner Grahame Wales said that the Festival is getting a good name for itself. Wales only attends the Minden show and the Guild of Fine Arts Sale later in the summer. These two shows provide him with all the exposure he needs. The Artisan Festival is also an excellent way for him to get the word out to the public about what's going on with the local artisans, and offers a chance to let people know about the Fall Studio Tour.

Gladys and Lloyd Wright admire the handiwork of wood carver John Reusch, left.



Japanese punch embroiderer Shirley Gibson removes the frame from its stand to show some of the detail to the visitors at the show.



Val Shead and Ann Reynolds admire the wares of the Lathe Turnings Bowls and Vases booth.



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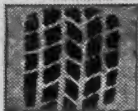


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Artists weave their way home

Pritchard House, a centre for arts in Minden Village, was officially opened June 28 with an appreciative crowd of residents and artists on hand to lend their support.

The building, the former residence of the Lawrence Pritchard family, is located at the corner of Prince and Milne Streets, across from the post office.

It was recently purchased by the municipality to secure adjacent property for a parking lot. Rather than have the structure stand empty, the members of the Hand Weavers and Spinners Guild approached the council about using it as an arts centre for the community. The council agreed, and earlier this year the guild members and supporters from other guilds and volunteers bent to the task of redecorating the interior and landscaping the yard.

The building opened to the public on the May holiday weekend, but the ribbon cutting wasn't held until June 28.

Pat Campbell, a member of the Weavers and Spinners, welcomed everyone to the ceremony and noted that many members of the Pritchard family were on hand to witness the occasion. Campbell told the audience the Weavers and Spinners were appreciative of the opportunity to have a place to call "home". She pointed out that over the years, because of the size of the looms, it had been difficult to settle in one location. "With the establishment of the Pritchard House as an arts centre, we now have such a place," Campbell related after the opening.

She told the gathering the building provides a permanent location not only for the looms and spinning wheels, but also for the group's extensive library and supplies. The house also has a place for meetings and a small gift shop where the work of local artisans can be sold.

Other arts groups in the community are welcome to use the facility as well. A number of groups have already indicated an interest. Workshops and classes have been scheduled for the Pritchard House including such topics as furniture stripping, weaving, caning, basketry and making knitted rag

Woven through 30 years

The following is an excerpt from the Pritchard House brochure:

Once upon a time...in 1967, a man named Bert Harrison built box looms for a group of Minden ladies who wanted to weave together.

In 1977, ten years later...the first recorded minutes were written by the group that would become the Haliburton Highlands Handweavers & Spinners.

In 1997...Pritchard House opened as a home for this talented group. It now serves as a focal point for the group's creative endeavours. Pritchard House is host to workshops, courses and demonstrations in a wide variety of arts.

the project and for the assistance in developing the building.

Before the cutting of the ceremonial ribbon Campbell reviewed the history of the house noting that it was built in 1946 by Lawrence Pritchard, a man who had served the community as councillor, deputy reeve, Reeve and Haliburton County Warden. "He was a man who was active in just about every aspect of our community," Campbell told the audience.

Lawrence's son, Doug, also a former member of



Cutting the ribbon, from the left, Shirley Hodgson, Reeve Jeanne Anthon, Doug Pritchard in the doorway and Pat Campbell.

rugs. (The events taking place at Pritchard House, will be listed in the Coming Up section of the SummerTimes publication, and on Times Ten/Cable Ten and The Times OnLine Website.)

Campbell told the audience the artistic community is indebted to the municipal council for its support of

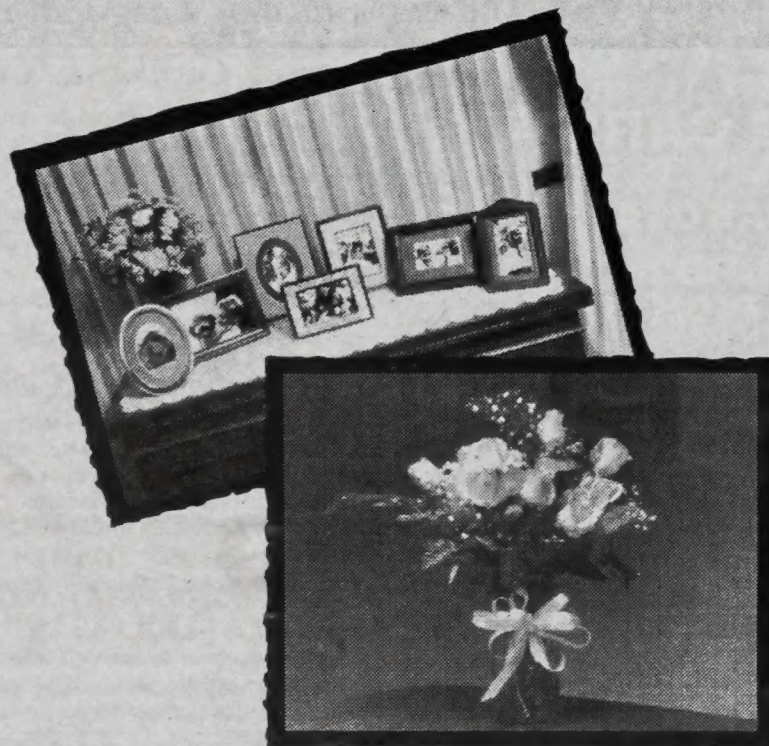
Anson Hindon and Minden Council, was in attendance. Speaking on behalf of his family, he added to the historical perspective and said how pleased he was to see the home continue to be used in the community.

With Doug Pritchard holding one end and Shirley Hodgson, president of the Haliburton Highlands Hand Weavers and Spinners, holding the other, Reeve Jeanne Anthon cut the tablet weaving done by Judy Chapman, to officially mark the opening of the structure. "This is a great addition to our community and the downtown area and we wish this group and all others who use it the best of luck," she commented.

With the official opening, the public was invited to tour the new facility and enjoy some refreshments.

Pritchard House is open from now until Labour Day 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday to Saturday, noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday. April to June and September to November on Saturdays only; and during the winter months by chance or appointment.

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Top honours for student musician

by Misty Bennett

A local high school student placed first in an all Ontario music competition recently.

Tuba player Ian MacKenzie took the top honour in the Grade Nine Royal Conservatory of Music brass competition. The contest was sponsored by the Music Festival Association and was hosted by Lakefield College, a private high school in Lakefield, on June 21 and 22.

There were between 100 and 150 people competing in five categories (brass, voice, piano, woodwind and strings) at four individual grade levels (eight, nine, 10 and pre-associate).

Although MacKenzie was the only competitor in his class, a first place finish was by no means guaranteed. Certain standards had to be achieved, first of all just to be invited to compete and in order to place at the competition.

There were three brass players in total, however the other two competed at different grade levels. Another tubist competed in the grade eight level and a trumpet player played in the grade 10 category, these two players both scored a second place in their class of one.

The requirements for the competition were strict. Players were required to play two contrasting pieces of music completely from memory, lasting a total of up to 20 minutes. MacKenzie played for 18 or 19 minutes with his two songs: Concertino by Arthur Frackenpohl and Sonata by Thomas Beversdorf.

"Basically you have to have 20 minutes of memorized music in your head," said MacKenzie. "The pieces have to be senior level. I had three movements in one and two in the other."

He performed with a piano accompaniment provided by Melissa Stephens, who, says MacKenzie, did a wonderful job. Most of the performers chose to have piano accompaniment.

Prior to taking part in this competition, the students must place well in a qualifying class at the Kiwanis Music Festival in Peterborough.

"Even if you are the only entrant there is no guarantee that you will go on," said MacKenzie. There are strict standards that the adjudicators are looking for before they al-

low musicians to perform at the all-Ontario level.

MacKenzie competed in Peterborough in mid April and took top honours. He was without competition at this festival as well.

"There aren't many aspiring young tuba players, I guess!" joked MacKenzie about the lack of competitors.

The Saturday of the two-day event was used for performances, between the hours of 10:30 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. On the Sunday a master class was held where the competitors could spend two hours with their adjudicators studying technique and style as well as skills. The three brass competitors spent two hours with their adjudicator, a trumpet player. The winners were announced at the end of the class and a concert of winners was presented in the afternoon.

MacKenzie is hoping that he will be able to enter the "open" competition next year and go on to the Nationals. As well he hopes to gain a position in the National Youth Orchestra which rehearses in Guelph for five weeks then goes on tour for

three during the summer months.

"I auditioned this year (for the Youth Orchestra) but I had a really bad audition and I didn't get in, but there's always next year," said MacKenzie.

He is tutored by Mark Tetreau, a professor at the University of Toronto and the principal tubist with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra. MacKenzie travels to Toronto once every three weeks for an hour and a half lesson.

He has been playing the tuba for four years. At the end of the sixth grade MacKenzie was playing the trumpet. He switched to the french horn and then to the tuba at the end of grade eight.

MacKenzie has performed with the Huronia Symphony Orchestra for a season and a half (a season spans from September to June), and hopes that he can continue to perform with them next year. The only thing that could prevent this would be a heavy course load in his OAC year.

Ian MacKenzie, winning top honours with his tuba.



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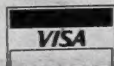
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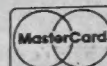
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RIGHT: Enjoying some strawberry shortcake at the Museum



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ABOVE: Antique cars line South Water Street.

ABOVE RIGHT: Floating, paddling and swimming down the Gull.

LEFT: Branch 636 colour party.

RIGHT: Canada Day Committee representatives Carolyn Coburn, Jeanne Anthon serve up birthday cake with the help of Legion Sergeant at Arms Dave McAdam.



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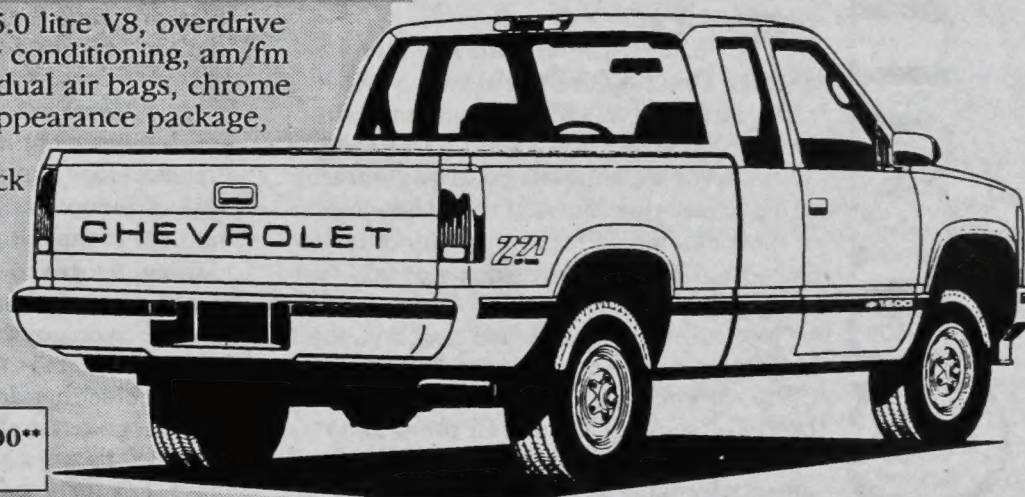
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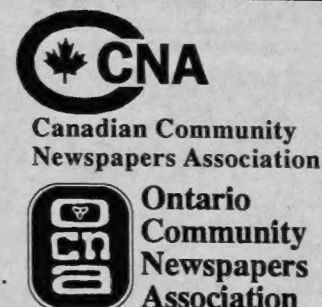
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Not at any cost

Editorial

There are few of us who like to pay taxes. They are a drain on our income, a nuisance and seem to be a constant nag at our wallet. So it was with a certain degree of relief that we read the commentary below which points out the 'Tax Free Day', arrived several days early this year. But, as we read further into the commentary, it was a bit disturbing to note the single-mindedness of the presentation.

Reducing the tax burden is an admirable goal, however reducing it at any cost is foolhardy. Some may like us to believe all taxes are evil, but they ignore the fact that the money collected by governments is used to generally benefit all members of the

community from which it is gathered. It is money collected and spent by representatives, democratically elected to represent the interest of all citizens. While not all expenditures may appeal to all citizens, the money that is spent employs fellow citizens and/or purchases goods and services sold by people in the community. It is not, as some may wish to have it portrayed, money poured down some drain.

The calls for government's to be more prudent with their spending or to get their economic houses in order are good. But reducing spending by transferring responsibilities from one level of government to

another, as both the federal and provincial governments have done, is unfair and deceptive. If a society demands good roads on which to drive, hospitals to look after its sick or police forces to protect it, then it must be prepared to pay for those services. Ontario, for example could give its citizens a \$17.5 billion dollar tax break by simply getting out of the health care business altogether. Only the foolish among us would suggest that such a 'tax break' would somehow make our community a better place.

Everyone wants lower taxes, but we believe there are few who are willing to accept them at any cost.

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Commentary

Tax free day comes early in Ontario

by Paul Pagnuelo

This year's tax freedom day--the day you start working for yourself--fell on July 2 in Ontario.

From January 1 until Tax Freedom Day, all your family income went to cover the expenses of all levels of government. Last year's Tax Freedom Day came on July 5. The improvement is partly the result of provincial income tax cuts, which returned \$504 to the average Ontario family wallet. Ontarians eager to celebrate should note that July 2 is still over a month later 1985's Tax Freedom Day of May 26.

The Fraser Institute estimates that the average Ontario family will earn \$59,846 this year (this includes government transfers, pension earnings, etc.) Of this total, \$29,826 (or 49.8%) will go to government coffers, meaning that Ontarians lose more of their income to taxes than any other Canadians except the residents of tax-hungry Saskatchewan.

Not surprisingly, income tax takes the largest bite, making up over \$11,501 (39%) of your tax bill. Social security taxes (including CPP and EI premiums) come second at \$5,352 or 18%, followed closely by sales taxes at \$4,715 or 16% of

your tax bill.

What about the other 27%?

Here's is where the tax collector employs cloaking devices not visible to the naked eye. Half of every dollar you pay for gas goes to governments. If you choose to buy beer and spirits to celebrate Tax Freedom Day, 70% of the bill would end up in government hands through taxes. Ontarians also pay more to municipal governments than any other Canadians, at an average of \$2,776 per family.

And don't forget business taxes that are passed on to consumers. Add licence fees, levies, service charges, contributions and tolls, and soon you find yourself working half the year for government and half the year for yourself and your family.

And if you are worried that the rich aren't paying their share, think again. Tax Freedom Day statistics show that the top 30% of income earners earn 54.6% of national income but provide 62.4% of national tax revenue. Isolated tales of wealthy tax avoiders can't hide the fact that the average tax rate for the top 10% of income earners is 60.8%.

The bleeding doesn't stop there. Not only do government's spend 49.8% of our incomes, they go out and borrow billions more. For instance, the fiscally responsible

federal government still spends \$47 million per day more than it takes in. If taxation rose to balance the federal and provincial budgets, Ontarians would have to work until July 23 to meet the higher burden!

What does that mean to the average family? Well, it proves that despite the Harris government's impressive reduction in provincial personal income tax rates, our overall tax burden is still far too high.

And it does prove that it is definitely time for legislation which limits the ability of governments to tax, borrow and spend. When federal, provincial and municipal governments consume half of your household income, taxpayers have every reason to demand a referendum vote on any further tax hikes.

The Harris government has provided hope and leadership by its quick action to allow taxpayers to keep more of what they make, and by its election promise to enact meaningful balanced/taxpayer protection legislation. But that is just a start.

If we want to have jobs and economic opportunities for Ontario's future, it's time for Ottawa and our municipal governments to also fall into line.

(Paul Pagnuelo is a spokesman for the Ontario division of the Canadian Taxpayers Federation.)

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TSW report

The rains ended about June 23 and very little came since then. The rains in Haliburton, plus a reduced draw of water to maintain navigation allowed the Haliburton area lakes to decline less last week. At 87.5% on June 30 they were very near average for the time of year. Normal summer losses are about 3.5% per week, but this week the decline was only 2.5%.

The Kawarths had considerable surplus around June 24-26, but increased flow from them down the Otonabee River has brought them back very near normal. Flow reductions are underway to hold near normal once again. Dry weather would result in further flow cuts.

Lake Simcoe-Couchiching is still above its long-term average despite running considerably more than normal flow from it for most of a week.

Report issued July 2, 1997.

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The man who makes pigs fly

I was sitting near the rear of a cross-town bus pretending to read my paper, but actually, covertly, spying on these three young teenage kids across the aisle. They were all boys, all dressed in the regulation watch cap, hooded sweatshirt and baggy pants that seem to be *de rigueur* for all young teenage rugged individualists these days. The boys were scrunched over their seats, like medieval supplicants, heads down, frantically manipulating plastic lozenges in their laps - lozenges that beeped and blipped incessantly.

Nintendo addicts.

They didn't know I was alive - and that's okay. I doubt that nay teenagers in history have ever been aware they shared the planet with other, older or younger people. That's the nature of teenagerdom.

But it made me sad all the same, because looking at these kids, these electronic surfers, I was pretty sure that none of them had ever known the pleasure of owning a good, old-fashioned slingshot.

I can't imagine being a young boy and not having - or at least coveting - a slingshot. It was what boyhood was all about... going down by the creek and searching among the saplings until you found that elusive tree crotch that formed a perfect "Y". Cutting it down, peeling back the bark, whittling perfect notches to hold the rubber band.

Slingshots were forbidden of course. Parents warned us never to fool with them. Policemen confiscated them on sight. Teachers would send you to the principal if they saw one jutting out of your back

pocket.

So naturally we adored them.

I was totally infatuated with my slingshot. Right up until I knocked the window out of Old Man Winthrop's garage with it. It wouldn't have been so bad if Old Man Winthrop hadn't been working in the garage at the time, looked up at the sound of tinkling glass and seen me standing there with eyes as big as golf balls, incriminating slingshot in my hand, the rubber band still swinging in the breeze.

Later that night, my father convinced me that my future would be infinitely brighter if I eschewed playing with slingshots thenceforth.

Not so Hew Kennedy. Kennedy lives on a farm in Shropshire, England, and although he's approaching middle age, he's never lost his love of slingshots.

Which explains the trebuchet in his back yard.

Trebuchet? That would be the granddaddy of all slingshots. A huge hulking behemoth of a catapult that looks like a kind of giant, 60-foot-long spoon attached to a five ton weight. Hew Kennedy's trebuchet can throw very heavy objects up to 150 yards at speeds of up to 90 miles per hour.

How heavy? Oh, heavy like a sofa, a grand piano or a dead pig. "A good, big sow is really aerodynamic" says Kennedy. And he should know. He's hurled all of those and more on his trebuchet.

He's not the first - not by several centuries. Back in Roman times, legion-

naires employed trebuchets to lay siege to castles. They would lob huge boulders, burning bundles of hay - even dead horses - over the castle walls to wreak havoc among the inhabitants.

But Hew Kennedy isn't laying siege to any castles. He just likes slinging things around the countryside. "It's bloody good fun" says Kennedy.

It's also lucrative. Hew Kennedy and his trebuchet have become a bit of a tourist attraction in Shropshire. Film crews from Japan, Germany and the Scandinavian countries keep knocking on Kennedy's door, asking if he'll activate the trebuchet while their cameras record the event for posterity.

He also gets requests from the odd rich American family which is happy to pay just so "the kids get to see it fling something". Kennedy's happy to oblige - if the price is right.

It's not a bad living, but when I talked to Kennedy he indicated that he's getting a little bored with the repetitive nature of his hobby. Possibly because he's just bought an elephant. Actually, it's a mechanical elephant, powered by a Ford engine, covered with what looks like elephant skin and featuring four pylon-sized logs that clomp along just like a real elephant.

"Jumbo", Kennedy's Robot Elephant can carry up to four kids at a time on its back. It's quite popular as well... but truth to tell, Kennedy is beginning to tire of Jumbo too. He's looking for new thrill horizons to conquer.

Now if he could just figure out a way to lever Jumbo into the trebuchet...

Arthur Black



Feeling the music

The kids were dancing in the street Friday as the second in a series of Music by the Gull concerts took place. The music, sixties rock tunes, was provided by the band Minor Details. Despite the cooler conditions close to 100 spectators attended the free two hour concert organized by the downtown merchants with the financial support of the Minden and District Lions Club. The concerts continue every Friday during the summer from 7 to 9 p.m. Don Wright and the Highlands Concert Band will be featured this Friday with David Archibald scheduled for July 18.

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Sports

Highland Games

The annual Highland Games will be held at Head Lake Park in Haliburton Village on Saturday, July 12. Competition starts at 9 a.m.

Young anglers catch 75 pounds of rock bass

The brother and sister team of Justin and Chelsey McKelvey angled their way to first place in the Minden Canada Day Rock Bass Derby, sponsored by Minden Live Bait and Tackle. Between them, they caught a total of 14 pounds. Ron and Robert Stevens placed second

and Alison Nelson caught 2 1/4 pounds; Billy-John Cooper caught 2 1/8 pounds; Bradley and Brianna Tripp

weighed in 2 1/16 pounds; Jason Waldie brought in 1 5/8 pounds; Mathew Robinson caught one fish

weighing one pound; Angie Hill weighed in one pound of fish; and Allana Coburn caught 3/4 of a pound.

Canada Day Fishing Derby

with 11 5/8 pounds and third went to Matthew and Kaitlin Allore with 10 5/8 pounds.

Each of the top three winning teams received \$15 gift certificates from Minden Live Bait and Tackle.

A total of 16 teams or individuals participated in the three hour event, with the weigh-in at the Minden town dock at noon on Canada Day. The young anglers landed 75 5/8 pounds of rock bass.

Kyle and Brock Brown weighed in 8 1/4 pounds; Mike Hill landed 5 1/2 pounds; Judd Campbell caught 5 pounds, David Byers brought in 4 pounds; Dillon and Tanisha Holmes weighed in 3 9/16 pounds; Jake and Joe Findeis landed 2 1/4 pounds; Joshua



TOP ANGLERS: The prize winners in the Canada Day Rock Bass Fishing Tournament are seen here with organizer Lori Robert and judge Gord Monk. They include, Justin and Chelsey McKelvey, Ron and Robert Stevens and Matthew and Kaitlin Allore.

32 golfers qualify for Blairhampton course's 1997 championship

After six weeks of intense qualifying, the pairings have been selected for Blairhampton Golf Club's annual club championship. Nearly 50 of Haliburton County's finest golfers competed for 32 positions in the non-handicap match play event.

Eldon Bull led all qualifiers with a four under par 68, with former Blairhampton champion Ken Rosenberg a close second at 69.

The eventual winner will have to win five straight 18-hole matches to claim the title. The final two will square off in early September, during Championship Day at Blairhampton.

Following is a list of the first round matches to be completed by July 15: Eldon Bull (68) vs Paul Longo (76) Ken Rosenberg (69) vs Tom Ecclestone (76)

Dave Bunker (70) vs Doug Allison (77)
Doug Prozak (71) vs Earl Dawson (77)
Jason Murphy (71) vs Scotty LaRue (77)
Blaine Kelly (72) vs Matt Kelly (78)
Hugh Nichol (73) vs Andrew Smyth (78)
Graham Card (73) vs Dave Willis (78)
Rick Bain (73) vs Harry Hunting (78)
Leigh Bull (74) vs Ron Yake (78)
Bob Nichol (74) vs Bob McDougall (79)
Phil Jung (75) vs Pete VanLeeuwen (79)
Alex Smith (76) vs Harris Steele (80)
Kyle Paolini (76) vs Curtis Bain (81)
Mike Moore (76) vs Roger Bain (81)
Jeff Bloomfield (76) vs Dennis Sexton (81)

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SOAP BOX DERBY WINNERS: Eight soap box racers cashed in on the cash prizes offered by the Minden Lions Club in the second annual Lions Soap Box Derby. The top four racers to cross the finish line in each of two classes took home prize money. The seven to 10 age class winners, front row (l to r) are: First Jeff Carrell, second Brianne Florence, third Chad Cox and fourth Judd Campbell. Joining the group in the winners' circle are Lions members and race organizers Tom Gardner (left) and Jim Mickle (right). The 11-14 age group winners were: First Paige Florence, second Sean Carrell, third Chad Mickle and third Andrew Carrell.

Haliburton-Muskoka Senior Games participants honoured

The Haliburton-Muskoka District Seniors Games annual dinner and awards presentations were held at the Haliburton Legion June 30. Seniors aged 55 and over competed in 15 sanctioned events, including carpet bowling, contract bridge, darts, euchre, five-pin bowling, golf, horseshoes, lawn bowling, shuffleboard, snooker, swimming, tennis, 10-pin bowling and walking.

Haliburton County and District of Muskoka seniors, totalling more than 230 participants, competed for top honours in District 11.

The Ontario Senior Games were funded in part by the Ministry of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation and governed by the Ontario Senior Games Council.

District 11 results are as follows:

Carpet bowling: Gold - Betty Eva Burke and Marie Penton; silver - Marg Harrison and Gerald Shackleton; bronze - Wilfrid Westley and Marg Jones.

Cribbage: Gold - Wilbert St. Thomas and Larry Dowsett; silver - Helen and Norman Lee; bronze - Fay Montgomery and Mary Withey. Haliburton County winners: First - Joyce Hills and Jean Hollobon; second - Maxine Cross and May Sinclair; third - Goldie Vardy and Luella Smith.

Darts: Gold - Fred Knight and Maxine Cross; silver - Sandra Robertson and Jack Gregory; bronze - Ruth Colpitts and Doris Ogley.

Contract Bridge: Gold - Jack and Willie Cox; silver - Olive Reid and Lillian Hunter; bronze - Joyce Burtch and Norma Crewson.

Five-pin bowling: Gold - Betty Henderson, Ross Henderson, Joyce Chilton, Vern Chilton and Betty Lockhart; silver - Bud Herd, Ray Kinkaid, Ruth Rose, Ilean Edwards and Doris Runham; bronze - Doris Ogley, Peggy Day, Elleen Shepstone, Florence Stanley and Marg Viney.

Euchre: Gold - Toni Hodgson and Elmar Hendrickson; silver - Dorothy Muir and Bev Shelding; bronze - Pat and Albert Norman. Haliburton County winners: First - Vera Carnochan and May Sinclair; second - Ev Henderson and Vera Wagg; third - Jeanne Sears and Hugh Allen.

Golf, Callaway women: Gold - Helen Dentinger; silver - Allison Allen; bronze - Marie Thompson.

Golf, Callaway men: Gold - Bill Frankish; silver - Murray Norman; bronze - Earl McDonald.

Horseshoes: Gold - Harley and Iris Berry; silver - James Skinner and John McMahon; bronze - Ron Barr and Dale Purnell.

Shuffleboard: Gold - Bill and Betty Milford; silver - Jack Chilton and Marie Dennie; bronze - Iris Taylor and Ellie Langpohl.

Snooker: Gold - Lou Burke; silver - Gil Scott; bronze - James Skinner.

Tennis: Gold - Harry and Lainey Hunting; silver - Peter and Margaret Brogden; bronze - Ralph Palmer and Maruja Carpintero.

Walking: Gold - Ron Barr; silver - Shirley Hodgson; bronze - Ev Stata.

Crokinole: Gold - Ken Thompson and Ben Dentinger; silver - Ron Barr and Earl Johnston; bronze - Ralph Palmer and Doreen Degrave.

Bid Euchre: Gold - Walter Grainger and Eleanor Sutton; silver - Betty Carroll and Ruby Allen; bronze - Bill Milford and Muriel Harrington. Haliburton County winners: First - Bill and Mildred St. Thomas; second - Iris Taylor and Ellie Langpohl; third - Betty and James Skinner.

District 11 co-ordinator Ross Farr congratulated all of the winners on behalf of the District 11 Committee.

Injured Scrabble Lake camper assisted by Minden Fire Department

Three members of the Minden Volunteer Fire Department assisted in bringing an injured camper from Scrabble Lake in Digby Township on June 30. Fire Chief Bill Hogg, deputy-chief Craig Crowe and Doug Schell responded to a call by Minden ambulance attendants at about 2 p.m.

Neil Hipkiss of Toronto and two companions were camping on Scrabble Lake. Hipkiss was breaking firewood when he broke his ankle, according to Hogg. The fire officials crossed Black Lake in a boat then portaged across to Scrabble.

Hipkiss was brought to the Black Lake landing and transported by ambulance to Minden Hospital, where he was treated and released.

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An exploration, ten years in the making

Guide books aren't meant to be complicated and the latest one on the Haliburton Highlands certainly isn't, but the route its author took to bring the book to fruition is as long and twisted as some of the Highlands' more ornery back roads.

Explore Haliburton, a guide to the Haliburton Highlands (and those little communities which nestle about its fringe), is the latest offering from Susan Wilson. Her husband, Michael Shirley, took the colourful photos which appear throughout the book and no doubt shared some of the labour pains which accompanied its production.

Both Wilson and Shirley are alumni of *The Times* having worked for this newspaper as reporters and photographers. Wilson was the editor of our SummerTimes publication for six years, while Shirley worked as a general reporter for three years.

This is the second book for Wilson. She is also the author of *Water Ways: Exploring Haliburton by Canoe*, a book based on a series of articles written for the newspaper and one that came together much easier than the latest effort.

The seed for *Explore Haliburton* was planted ten years ago near Christmas in 1987. "I was looking through the *Globe and Mail* and saw an ad for a book called *Explore Muskoka*. I paused for a moment and thought, 'Why doesn't someone do a book like that about the Haliburton Highlands?'"

"I called John Denison, the publisher of Boston Mills Press, the company which had published the *Muskoka* book, and asked him if he had ever considered a similar book for our area. He told me there was nothing in the works for the moment, and invited me to visit him at his office in Erin, near Guelph."

One thing quickly led to another and soon Wilson and Boston Mills had an agreement in principle. "He cautioned me that it could 'take a while' before I saw the book in print," she commented with a smile, thinking back to that meeting almost ten years ago.

It was at this point that Shirley joined the project as photographer. The couple was in the middle of building a home in Blairhampton.

At this point the ball was in Wilson's court and although she was eager to see the book published, work pressures made it difficult to get started on the project. A more forceful nudge came in 1993 when Stoddart Publishing Company bought Boston Mills Press. The new owners insisted on a formal agreement and a con-

tract was signed in September 1993 with a manuscript to be delivered a year later.

Right on schedule the manuscript was handed over in September 1994 with the expectation that the book would be out the following spring, just in time for the summer holiday market. Stoddart, a larger publishing entity, did not see the book as a priority and the 1995 publishing date came and went.

Then, in the spring of 1996, the accountants took a

look at the project. "They said we needed to invest \$7000 to see the project through to completion," Wilson recalls. She tried a number of avenues including approaching the Haliburton County Development Corporation. When these approaches failed or proved to be too expensive, Wilson decided to offer lodges, resorts, motels and bed and breakfast operators a chance to be listed in the back of the book. "I contacted over 80 resorts in the area the book covered and eventually raised the \$7000 needed to send the book to the press."

Through each of these delays, Wilson would update the manuscript. "Each January I would go through it again to make sure everything I had written was still in fact true. It is amazing how many things you think are permanent, like roads and their names change in the course of a year," she said.

With the extra financing secured last fall she took the manuscript back to the publisher late last year. On June 24, about nine and a half years after she had said to herself, 'Why doesn't someone ever do a book like that about the Haliburton Highlands?' Susan Wilson was in Toronto loading boxes of books into her car for the drive back to where the germ of an idea all started.

The book is a delightful mix of travel information, historical facts, contemporary and historical photos and maps, built into a series of guided tours through the Highlands.

Despite the time it took for the book to reach the finished stage both Wilson and Shirley are pleased it is finally out. "Excited? Of course I am excited," the author said. "This is the first book about the Haliburton Highlands published by a major publisher. Through the extensive marketing program the publisher will be helping to spread the word about the Haliburton Highlands."

"And we also want everyone who is hesitant about venturing into Blairhampton to know that the instructions in our book will get you in and out safely," Shirley added. "After all, we know Blairhampton. We live right in the middle of it."

Explore Haliburton is available from the author and at various bookstores through the Highlands. Susan Wilson will be autographing copies of her book Saturday, July 19 at Under Cover Books in Haliburton from 1 to 3 p.m.

The book sells for \$22.95

(A formal review of *Explore Haliburton* will appear at a later date.)



Author Susan Wilson and photographer Michael Shirley, on the road to *Explore Haliburton*.

Art in the Park returns to Algonquin

An invitation has been extended to all Ontarians to visit the Animal Art in the Park 1997 exhibition in Algonquin Provincial Park this summer.

"This is the third year that Algonquin is hosting this very successful wildlife art exhibition," said Minister of Natural Resources and Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson. "Because of its popularity, the exhibition will run for an additional six weeks to give park visitors more opportunity to view the exhibit."

Animal Art in the Park opened on June 28. It will run until October 19, 1997, at the Algonquin Gallery in the heart of the park.

The exhibition features

more than 110 wildlife paintings and sculptures. This year's show is titled "Living Legends and Young Brushes" and features the work of artists such as Carl Rungius, Bruno Liljefors and John James Audubon, as well as Robert Bateman, George McLean and Bob Kuhn.

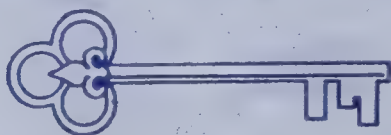
"This is a very impressive exhibition of wildlife art," said Hodgson. "The magnificent setting of Algonquin Provincial Park is a perfect location for this work."

It is expected that more than 50,000 people will visit the exhibition during its 16-week run. Admission to the show is \$5 for adults, \$4 for seniors, and children under 12 are free if they are accompanied by an adult.



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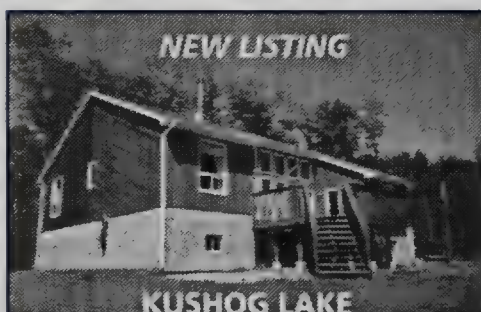
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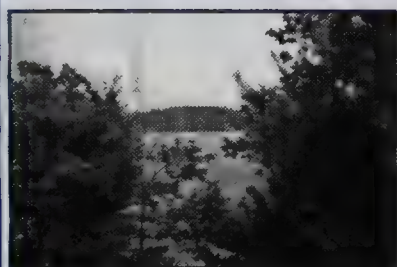
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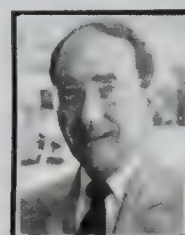
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Science teacher Dave Mowat

HHSS teacher lauded for ELM teaching initiative

(from page one)

students attending the first ever ELM day, but has grown over the last few years to over ten times its original size. Grade 3, 4, and 5 students from Gooderham, Wilberforce, Haliburton, and Minden now benefit from the program, and there are plans to include even more students in the future.

The driving force behind turning this one-time project into what it is today has always been Dave Mowat. Whether it's training the trail leaders, visiting the elementary schools to build enthusiasm among future participants, or defending the program's budget, he does it all.

He singled out teachers Wendy Heintz and Anne Varty as major contributors as well, just as deserving as he is, and thanked most of the HHSS staff for their contributions. But it is Mowat who devotes the most time, not to mention space, to the program; his room at the high school serves as a storage shed for most of the props and equipment used on the trail and a noon-hour meeting room for the trail leaders and organizers.

All this taken into consideration, Dave Mowat is an obvious choice for the Margaret A. Johnson Award which recognizes outstanding contributions to education through innovative programs in the science classroom. Principal Gary Brohman and science department head Glen Scully were responsible for Mowat's nomination, and were happy to see ELM gain the recognition it so deserves. He attended a luncheon in Montreal

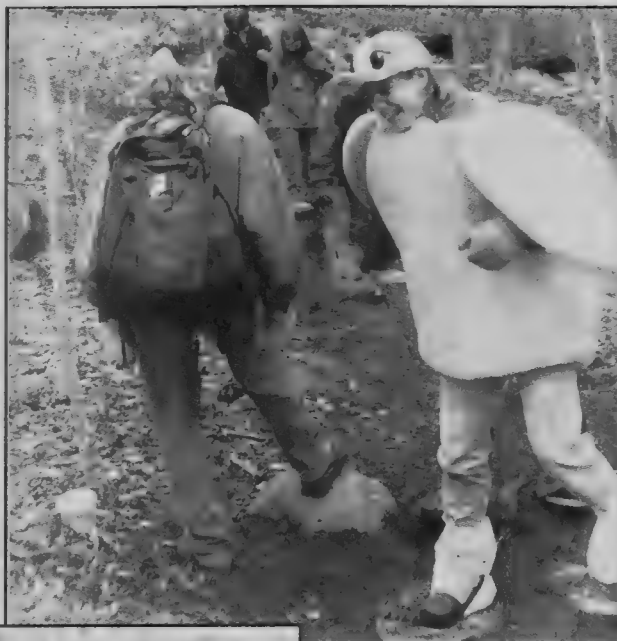
Friday, at which time he formally received the recognition, as well as a plaque and a monetary award from the College of Teachers. Through this award and others, the College hopes to encourage teachers to create innovative programs similar to ELM.

As for the future; no one is 100% sure what is going to happen to the program. Mowat thinks the most important factor is the student interest, and is willing to continue ELM as long as high school students are

willing to be trail leaders, volcano men, or tired old trees (just a few of the parts played by students on the trail). It's a question of willingness to cooperate more than anything else. Cooperation among the students, between students and teachers, and with the Board is vital to the survival of the program.

Mowat has already had inquiries about the program from Bancroft and Lindsay, and is more than willing to share his experience with these schools in the coming year. But for now, it's time to sit back and revel in some long-overdue recognition. Congratulations Mr. Mowat; you deserve it.

(Reporter Kevin Brezina is an OAC student at HHSS who has been a trail leader in the ELM project.)



High school student Sarah Rochford wears a duck costume, above, to help illustrate scientific lessons. At the left, students listen as guide Caitlin Petit explains a station along the ELM trail. (These photo are from May 1996)



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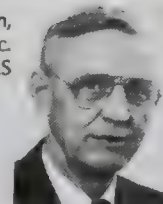
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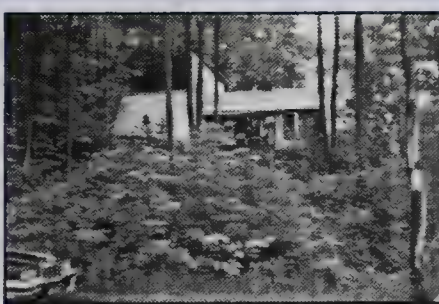
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A meal fit for a Queen

Minden student helps prepare Royal repast in North Bay

by Misty Bennett

A local Canadore College student helped feed some very exciting visitors to Canada last week.

She was among the group of students from the college who prepared a luncheon for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh when they visited North Bay.

Minden resident Christy Ackerblade attends Canadore and is enrolled in their Culinary Management program.

"We found out that the Queen was coming at the beginning of April, but we weren't allowed to tell anyone about it. It was kept very quiet," says Ackerblade.

All the students who were asked to help out during the luncheon were taking the hospitality courses at the college. Waitresses and cooks were selected from the group of students.

There were about 20 students in the kitchen to assist with the preparation of the meal and the crowd was estimated at approximately 160 guests for lunch.

Ackerblade worked on preparing the main course. And what is luncheon fare fit for a Queen? The menu for the afternoon repast began with an appetizer of smoked duck served with salad, followed by a main course of lamb with baby carrots, waffle potatoes, green beans and zucchini rings. The meal was completed by a meringue base with ice cream and strawberries dipped in chocolate served with a vanilla sauce.



Christy Ackerblade holds the security card which she had to wear while on the Canadore College campus during the recent royal visit.

The luncheon was served on June 30, but a lot of work went into the meal prior to the actual preparation. A full day of meetings and demonstrat-

ing meal preparation techniques were the first orders of business on the 28th. Sunday was a busy day as well. The students put in a ten hour day as they prepared for the visit of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh, on Monday.

"We were told that the correct response is: 'Yes, your Majesty' and 'Yes, your Royal Highness' when they approached you," says Ackerblade.

Following the meal, the Queen and the Duke toured the kitchen and paused to greet a few of the students. The Queen addressed Ackerblade and said hello to her. The couple spoke to a number of the students and asked some of them about their career goals.

"There was very high security, even the night before when we were in residence," says Ackerblade.

She hopes to finish her Culinary Management course and possibly go into nutrition and work in the dietary department in an institution.

Ackerblade is working at the Northwood Inn for the summer. Her work-related experience will count towards five additional credits toward her diploma.

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Christmas, peacocks and BC logs featured in 1997 Home and Garden Tour

by Misty Bennett

Discover the Highlands' best kept secrets next weekend at the Second Annual Minden Home and Garden Tour.

The tour is comprised of unique homes and gardens throughout the county which the owners have graciously opened to the public for the day. This year there are eight stops planned for participants, and six new homes and gardens to view. Back by popular demand this year are the Minden Museum and the Sinclair/Russell Gardens.

Although we won't give away any of the locations, here are a few details to whet your appetite for the tour. People on the tour will be witness to Christmas in July with a wonderful home totally decorated for the festive season; a historic farmhouse with peacocks; and a log home that is built out of timbers which came from a railroad bridge in British Columbia.

This year the tour has one less home, however the locations are farther apart, possibly requiring more time in order to visit all of them. Co-organizer Nora Snyder recommends making a day of the tour and stopping at a local restaurant for lunch as a part of the day.

Another suggested stop is Pritchard House, although not officially part of the tour, the house is mentioned on the Home and Garden Tour flyer as an added feature for the day. The tour will take place rain or shine and people are

urged to visit any or all of the houses in whatever order they choose.

Booties are provided at each home for visitors to wear as they tour through the house. Tours are unguided although property owners and volunteers will be on hand to answer any questions which might arise. Each home will be marked with a sign and balloons that will be visible from the road, and directions to each location are included with the ticket.

The Annual Home and Garden tour has been organized by a committee of six local women: Jeanne Anthon, Pat Campbell, Dianne Graham, Gail La Berge, Marion Mandel and Nora Snyder, and the homes for next year's tour have already been tentatively selected.

Tickets for the Minden Home and Garden Tour are available for \$10 at: Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce, IDA Drug Store - Minden, Norland Trading Post - Norland, Campbell's Flower Shop - Minden, Under Cover Books - Haliburton, Gambell's Antiques - Minden and Hair Care - Carnarvon. The homes will be open to the public from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. on July 12. Organizers ask that you respect the hospitality of the property owners, consequently: no smoking, no cameras inside the homes, no pets and no children under 12 years of age are permitted.

Proceeds from ticket sales will be donated to the Hospital Building Fund.

Emergency vehicle in the works

Minden fire chief Bill Hogg attended the June 26 Anson, Hindon and Minden council meeting to bring council up to date regarding the purchase of a new emergency vehicle.

Hogg told council members that the new Ford cab and chassis has arrived at Ridgewood Ford in Minden. A few additions are to be made, including installation of a larger alternator because of the amount of electrical equipment which will be on board when the truck is completely outfitted. Hogg explained that

the standard alternator would not be up to the task of charging the system when it is under load.

Another addition is a set of tow rings, in case it becomes stuck.

In total, the additions will cost \$1,996 plus GST.

The cost to install and equip the box will be \$35,635, bringing the total cost of the vehicle, by the time it is ready to put into service, to \$73,649.17, which councillor Grant Plooard noted is still under budget.

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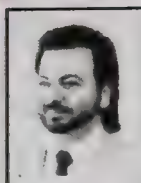
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Fran Smith just loves her job as president

Fran Smith has one of the best volunteer jobs in the county.

At least, that was her assessment as president of Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association. She made the comment at the group's annual meeting held June 21 at the Minden Wild Water Preserve Club Room. "This is a thoroughly enjoyable job," she declared as she opened the meeting and began the report to her members. "However, it is not a one-person job. I am just part of a team that has worked with me." Smith then introduced the members of the association executive and thanked them for their dedication.

In reviewing the year Smith noted that maps, with property locations marked on them, have been distributed to the emergency services in the area. The association has also acquired 10 km/h speed signs for members to purchase. It was suggested that these could be posted at the narrows in the lake and at locations where power boats, exceeding the speed limit, infringe on exclusion area on the shoreline.

Members were reminded to clear the brush from their property identification markers so they can be seen clearly from the road.

A welcome kit has also been created for new cottagers on the lake. It outlines a variety of local services and explains the benefits of being a member of the association.

The president reminded the members that this was a municipal election year, but said because of changes being imposed by the province all the details were still unclear. (Reeve Jeanne Anthon who spoke later in the meeting addressed the same issue.) Because the changes being introduced by the province to municipal regulations and the Ministry of Natural Resources, Smith said it is even more important to have an association to protect the interests of the members and "to promote a good neighbourhood."

The membership of the organization currently stands at 175. This compares with 245 at the end of August last year. Cooler weather on the May 24th weekend cut into the association's annual door-to-door membership campaign. A second effort on the July 1 weekend was expected to improve those numbers.

World Cup weekend

Craig Peabody, representing the Minden Wild Water Preserve, was on hand to inform Horseshoe Lake property owners about the World Cup competition which is scheduled for the August 1 weekend. He noted that CBC TV will be covering the event and competitors from around the world are expected to take part. Peabody asked the property owners to become involved by opening their homes and cottages to some of the visiting athletes. He noted that some of these paddlers will be the same ones who competed at the Olympics in Birmingham, Alabama. He also invited the members to volunteer to assist at the site during the competition.

Reeve Jeanne Anthon added to his comment by noting that Horseshoe Lake Road One, a county road, would be closed to those interested in seeing the World Cup competition. Spectators will be bused to the site from parking lots in Minden. Property owners will be issued passes so they will be able to use the road, however the congestion caused by parking at the white water site should be avoided.

The Reeve reported on a number of other subjects including the changes taking place in local responsibilities. She noted that the municipalities are being asked to assume a greater role by the province, including many of those handled by the Ministry of Natural Resources and the Health Unit. These changes will reduce red tape for people making applications for approval from the municipality, but she also noted this could mean reduced accountability. She pointed out that some of the decision making which is being transferred from the provincially run authorities requires degrees of expertise the municipality currently does not have on its staff. "As a lake association you should be monitoring these changes," she commented. The reeve also wondered if the move to self-regulation was not akin to "putting the fox in charge of the hen house."

Anthon did admit that one group, the local loggers, has apparently moved ahead successfully in forming a



Anson, Hindon and Minden Reeve Jeanne Anthon, left, addresses the annual meeting of the Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association. Fran Smith, right, president of the organization is seated at the table with secretary Ingrid Versteeg.

self-policing organization.

The reeve told the meeting that the council had examined the various alternate voting methods that are now available to municipalities. These include voting by mail or phone as well as the traditional paper ballot. Mail and phone ballots had been suggested as one way of encouraging greater participation by seasonal property owners. "We have looked at these alternative methods and while they have some merit, we also saw a number of problems which we didn't feel could be ironed out by November," Anthon said, "and so we have decided not to implement them this time. We will be providing an advance poll as early as possible," she added.

The Reeve told the meeting that as it stands now, individuals who own property in the municipality which is not their principal residence will not be able to vote in the school board portion of the election, however they will be able to vote for municipal officials.

She also told the meeting that talks are continuing between the municipalities of Anson, Hindon and Minden, Lutterworth and Snowdon, regarding possible amalgamation. She said she didn't believe any decision on amalgamation would be taken in time to affect

the November election. She also noted that the province seems to have backed off in its pressure to have municipalities amalgamate.

Other matters

The membership agreed to maintain its contingency fund established several years ago to fight a proposed development on the lake. The fund wasn't required so each year its disposition is discussed. Because of the changes taking place in municipal regulation, the members felt it was prudent to keep the fund alive rather than disperse the money.

Eleanor Gilbert told the meeting that the water clarity of Horseshoe Lake continues to be within the excellent range, while phosphorus readings were rated as "good" by the testing agency.

President Fran Smith paid tribute to long-time association volunteer and member of the executive, Cathy Wilson. "She is the one that always has the coffee on for our meetings and is here cleaning up. It has been a pleasure to work with her," Smith said as she presented Cathy with a small token of the group's appreciation.

Before the meeting ended Eleanor Gilbert added a vote of thanks for the hard-working executive members. Her comments were greeted with a round of applause from the members.

MNR signs contracts for fire support services

Natural Resources Minister and Victoria/Haliburton MPP Chris Hodgson recently announced the awarding of two more private-sector contracts that will enhance and assist Ontario's firefighting efforts.

MNR has awarded the Victorian Order of Nurses a \$70,000 contract to provide front-line health and medical services at large fire sites.

"Our firefighters are doing a tremendous job,"

said Hodgson. "We are doing all we can to improve their safety and comfort."

Nurses are now working in the field to maintain confidential medical records, supply medication, ensure compliance with Ontario health standards, provide critical incident counseling, and provide advice on all occupational and non-occupational health issues.

MNR has also awarded contracts to four

private companies to provide support services this year for base camps for large fires. The companies will provide all staff, equipment and services required for a fire base camp, including tents, trailers for sleeping, office work, cooking, dining, shower and laundry facilities, food, water and portable electric power.

"The awarding of these contracts to the private sector means improved health care and

base camp services for our firefighters," said Hodgson. "It also allows MNR forest firefighters to concentrate on fighting fires."



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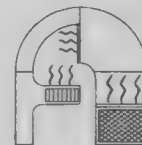
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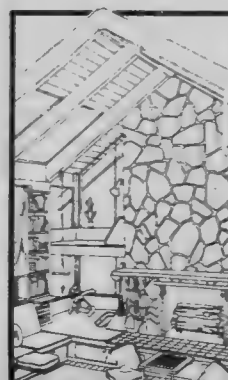
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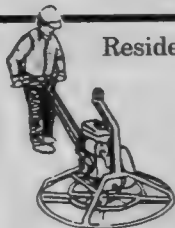
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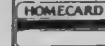
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Info centre and park open to welcome visitors

Kinmount is ready for summer visitors

Two Kinmount area young people have been employed to operate the information centre in the Old Train Station and for maintenance of the Kinmount Heritage Park.

Maggie Bradamore, 22, will be providing information to visitors at the information centre and Jeff Pearce, 16, will be the park maintenance man as well as assisting at the information centre during Bradamore's days off. The centre will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Kinmount Planning and Development Committee (KPDC) held its annual toll booth on the bridge in Kinmount on Saturday, June 28 from 9 a.m. to noon, in conjunction with the Kinmount Lions Club. Committee treasurer Cheryl Pearson reports that the toll booth raised nearly \$1,940, which was split between the Lions Club and the KPDC. The Lions Club share will go to the Kinmount and Area Medical Centre Fund and the KPDC share has been earmarked for Kinmount beautification projects.

"The number of favourable comments we got from motorists who donated money at the toll booth was very encouraging," Pearson said. "They were glad to help out."

Pearson said the Kinmount Park is a real draw to the area. "It is getting a lot of use."

Photo spot

Wedding parties routinely use the location for photo sessions and a group of Ridgewood Public School students recently spent a few hours fishing at the park.

Terry Bradt of Lindsay has taken an interest in the Kinmount Park Project and he has helped the cause by preparing a display for the learning centre, installing signs and helping out around the park.

"He comes to the park on his days off and never quits," said committee member Diane Austin.



Maggie Bradamore and Jeff Pearce are seen here by a learning centre display in the Old Train Station in Kinmount. Bradamore is working at the information centre on a 12 week contract and Pearce has been contracted for eight weeks to work in the Kinmount Heritage Park.

A storage shed has been constructed at the Train Station recently. Volunteers Bruce Dettman, Neil Berry, Mark Brelsford, Bryce Young and Clayton Cameron spent about five hours on the project.

Adopt a planter

Kinmount sports about 50 planters at various loca-

tions. Many of them exist thanks to the Adopt-A-Planter program, wherein people donate \$20 toward the maintenance of a planter.

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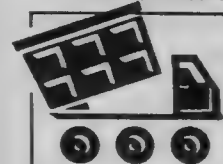
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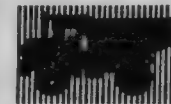
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June weather

by Phill Graham

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Average High	25.5	80
Average Low	10.5	51
Average for the month	18.0	64.4
Average for last June	17.8	64.0
Highest temperature - June 29	30.0	86
Lowest temperature - June 15	2.6	35.6
Rainfall	55.6 mm	2.1 in
Total precipitation for last June	79.6 mm	3.1 in
Total days with rain	8	
Total days mostly sunny	19	
Days with thunderstorms	4	
River water temp June 30	23.5	74
River water temp last June	22.0	72

June was quite a pleasant month except for all the mosquitos, black flies, deer flies and horse flies.

The average temperature was 18 degrees Celsius and within a degree of each June in the past three years.

Rainfall was low at 2 inches and below normal. There was good rain June 16 and June 24 and only showers on the other days.

There was no frost in June in the past two years, but it was close on the 15th at 2 degrees Celsius.

River water temperature was warmer than normal at 23.5 degrees Celsius. Could not take that temperature on July 1. There was not enough water in the river to measure.

Loucks family reunion attracts more than 100

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Remembrance of women's crafts and leadership over five generations was the focus of the sixth triennial reunion of Minden area Loucks families June 27-29. The reunion, held at sites in Lochlin, Ingoldsby and Canning Lake, drew more than 100 participants from across Canada and the nearby U.S. states.

Barbara (Loucks) Godberson of Fort St. John, B.C. presented her research on the 1880's education of Hannah Marie (Vincent) Loucks, and her mother Elizabeth Ann Boney, born in England in 1844, and a new arrival in Ingoldsby in 1872. Other genealogical displays at the reunion traced the arrival of five Loucks brothers, two sisters and their parents to the Snowden side of the Bobcaygeon Road in 1858-59. The adult men apparently worked on construction of the road and later in logging camps in Lutterworth and Laxton Townships.

When the Ontario legislature approved the free grants of land in Minden Township in 1867, three of the brothers and a married sister (Mrs. Frank

Wilson) took up land on the north side of Canning Lake, later combined to make up the farm operated for many years by Vinton and Emily Loucks.

Morgan Loucks, at 91, was the oldest participant and twins, Evan and Mitchell Smith of Newmarket, 9 months old, were the youngest.

June 27 was also the occasion of Morgan and Harriet Loucks' 67th wedding anniversary.

The presence of four sets of twins was a further highlight, including Foster Loucks (of Ingoldsby) and his sister Phyllis of Echo Bay, and sisters Judy Little and Janet (Little) Donnery of Minden and Lochlin. The displays of crafts included quilts (by Madeline Loucks Wagg of Sudbury), needlepoint and crochetwork (by Harriet Ball Loucks of Canning Lake), paintings by the late Emily Hunter Loucks, and a 50-page cookbook made up of recipes passed along through the generations, compiled and edited by Camille Loucks of Toronto. Dennis Loucks of Sarnia headed the organizing committee for the three-day event.

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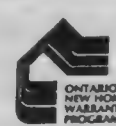
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Jo Crawford and Mae Fairhall were collecting for the Minden Hospital Saturday (June 28) during the Minden Lioness Club's annual Bed Pan Blitz. The two are members of the Barrie Lioness Club but since they spend their summers in the Minden area, they attend meetings and help the local club with its projects. They picked a good spot to do the collecting as most people exiting the LCBO were quick to drop some money in the pot when they learned the funds were going toward the Hospital. This year's blitz raised \$1,202.07

School board meets

Four year high school term delayed

by Misty Bennett

The Haliburton County Board of Education held its last regular meeting before the summer recess, Tuesday, June 24.

Board members were informed as to who was working on the various committees dealing with amalgamation. These members are getting to know one another and all trustees will be receiving an information package about the progress of the groups.

Public meetings are planned to allow the community to know what is happening in the amalgamation process. On July 15, there is a meeting at I.E. Weldon Secondary School in Lindsay, July 26 at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden and another meeting in Muskoka on August 29. All meetings begin at 9:30 a.m.

Chairperson Cheryl Murdoch announced that although recording secretary Joan Chapple will be retiring this year, she has agreed to stay on the local education improvement committee.

Trustee Len Salvatori spoke on where the Haliburton Board of Education is in relation to a number of other boards dealing with amalgamation. According to Salvatori only 10% of all boards have submitted budgets, (the Haliburton board is one that has) and a number of boards have not yet set up committees to deal with the amalgamation. Some boards are supporting as many as 35 to 40 subcommittees.

Director of Education Brad Saunders noted that HHSS teacher Dave Mowat has been recognized nationally with an award from The Canadian College of Teachers for his work on the E.L.M. project. He also mentioned that the transition to a four year high school education has been delayed a year, which he feels is beneficial so that the schools can prepare for the effects that will be felt at the elementary school level.

Superintendent of Education Dale Robinson presented the new curriculum for grades one through

eight.

"I'm not anxious at all about the new curriculum. There are several very good features to it," said Robinson.

The curriculum has an outcomes based approach which seems to have worked well so far in the new report card format. Some of the subject matter has been moved to lower grades, and Robinson admits that it is certainly a tougher curriculum. However, he also feels it isn't beyond the reach of either the staff or the students. There is a renewed pressure for the use of computers and the curriculum states clearly at what point the students should be with their understanding of computers.

Streaming of students at the grade nine program has been re-introduced, although it is not the form of streaming that was in place prior to 1993. Robinson expects it will be a hybrid of the two systems, hopefully allowing students to keep their options open.

Orientation days are being offered to familiarize teachers with the new curriculum. At present each board is allowed to send two teachers and a member of the administration to the information session. Although the date of the program is still unknown, the Haliburton Board has received seven applications from teachers interested in giving up their vacation time in order to learn more about the new system. It is likely all the applicants will be able to attend as a number of boards that are having trouble finding teachers who want to go.

Finally the subject of a new public address system for JDHES was mentioned. \$12,000 had been budgeted for the system, however upon further research the ideal system, and one that is very popular with other school boards, is slightly more costly. The board has been quoted \$16,900 for a Toshiba system. It was agreed that the board take the additional funds from the money that had been put aside to replace the skylights at JDHES, and delay the repairs to the windows.

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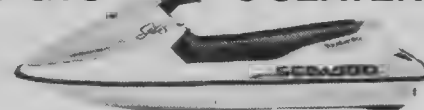
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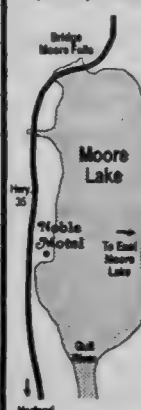
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The Stanhope Fire Fighters are once again sponsoring a performance of the Kelly Miller Circus. The circus will set up its tent next to the community centre on North Shore Road July 29. Among the acts will be the daring Perez family of Mexico who perform on the flying trapeze and the high wire.

Circus returns to Stanhope

The Kelly-Miller Circus which will be in Stanhope on July 29, is expected to be one of the most impressive ever.

The newly designed Big Top allows audience members equal distance seating from the performance ring and the added height of the tent allows for a wider variety of aerial acts.

Featured this year is the Perez Family from Mexico. This troupe will perform on the always popular and ever dangerous flying trapeze. These multi-talented performers will amaze audiences with their dexterity as they execute pyramids on the high-wire and perform feats of balance upon the revolving wheel.

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Always a favourite with "children of all ages" are the animals. Miss Cindi will direct the Kelly-Miller 6-Horse Liberty Act, as well as assisting Roy Wells in the presentation of the elephant acts.

The public is invited to watch the circus come to life as it sets up early in the morning.

The circus will be on Tuesday, July 29, in Stanhope Township and is sponsored by the Stanhope Township Volunteer Fire Fighters. Show times are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The circus will set up next to the Stanhope Fire Fighters Community Centre on North Shore Road.

Advance tickets are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets on circus day are only available at the circus and are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. Tickets are now on sale at the Jug City stores in Minden, Haliburton and Carnarvon, Stanhope Township Offices, West Guilford Shopping Centre, Hall's Lake Market, Eagle Lake Store, and other select local businesses.



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MNR introduces new Fish and Wildlife Act

Natural Resources Minister Chris Hodgson recently announced measures to toughen fish and wildlife enforcement provisions and increase protection of a wider range of species.

The improvements will come through the new Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997, introduced by Hodgson for first reading in the Ontario Legislature. The new Act would replace the Game and Fish Act.

"The new Act fulfills our promise to better manage fish and wildlife resources," said Hodgson, in a press release issued by the ministry. "The Act demonstrates Ontario's commitment to conservation efforts both here in Ontario and internationally. Effective management of fish and wildlife is vital to the environmental, social and economic well-being of the province."

The new Act is well organized; easy to read, use and understand; and includes legislative improvements in three broad areas: better protection and management of a broader range of species; better enforcement capability; and better client service.

"Both the ministry and the public have recognized for some time that significant changes were required to the Game and Fish Act to manage and sustain fish and wildlife populations," Hodgson said.

The new Act would provide special protection for species such as the Northern flying squirrel, osprey, and giant swallowtail butterfly.

Protection would be strengthened for some game species as well. For instance, black bear populations would receive further protection through a prohibition on the possession of a black bear gall bladder separated from the carcass.

The new Act better reflects the value of fish and wildlife resources through improvements to enforcement provisions. For example, the fine for commercial offences would increase to a maximum of \$100,000 and/or imprisonment of up to two years.

"The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters has maintained for some time that amendments to the Game and Fish Act

are long overdue," said Rick Morgan, OFAH executive vice-president. "The new Act should be a step forward toward more effective management of fish and wildlife populations in the province."

To help stop Ontario from being used as a base for illegal trade activities, there would be a prohibition on possession of wildlife, invertebrates or fish that were illegally taken in or from another jurisdiction. These enforcement changes better match the powers under federal fish and wildlife legislation, which is also enforced by Ontario's conservation officers.

Until now, there has not been a clear legal provision to allow property owners to hire an animal control agent to deal with nuisance wildlife; the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act would address this problem by making this practice legal. A clear legal framework has also been established in the new Act to recognize the valuable work of volunteer wildlife rehabilitators.

"MNR developed the new Act through the input of a broad range of stakeholders," Hodgson said. "The changes very much reflect how important Ontario's fish and wildlife resources are to this government, and to the people of Ontario."

The Local Education Improvement Committee (LEIC)

for the transition to the new Public English Language District School Board (DSB) #15, effective January 1, 1998
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will be hosting its next public meeting on

TUESDAY, JULY 15TH

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PWC safety course

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Planning process includes the public

(The following is the second in a series of press releases issued by the Haliburton County Strategic Planning Committee.)

Shaping the future through citizen involvement! This is where it's at in terms of initiating change and Haliburton County plans to be at the cutting edge as we get ready to move into the next century.

On July 24, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion - Haliburton Branch, all permanent and seasonal residents of the County are invited to get involved in setting directions for change.

Shaping the future of our own environment means that, for starters, we need to establish a realistic vision for the County. What is your vision for the County? What are the key issues facing you and your neighbours? What are the real needs of people in the County? What opportunities have you thought about?

These are all important questions. We must tackle the issues so we can move quickly to action. This is where you come in. On July 24 you'll have the opportunity of assessing what's already been accomplished in the County. You will also be able to formulate key directions for change. But - you'll do more than that! You'll be setting the framework for managing development and change, and you will be able to see how you can participate on an on-going basis (e.g. there will be a follow up session in August).

Everyone is invited! Everyone should be interested! Development is about quality of life and this has many dimensions. Jobs, working conditions and investment are of course very important aspects, but so are access to adequate commercial services; medical and social services; educational and recreational opportunities; as well as dealing with environmental issues.

Managing development is also about 'community' and the building of strong and healthy communities. Therefore, when you debate 'development' in Haliburton County, you'll also address the 'what' (what sectors - manufacturing, tourism, natural resources, employment issues as well as services and infrastructure). The 'how' is equally important (getting involved, keeping involved, building community identity, etc...).

Over the last decade and a half, communities across North America have participated in community forums, round tables, town hall meetings and the like in order to do just this sort of thing. Many have led to dynamic action plans which have been implemented. Citizens can make a difference!

So get involved! Come and work with us on July 24., Meet Strategic Plan Facilitator, Dr. Chris Bryant of Econotrends, the County of Haliburton Strategic Planning Committee, County and Municipal Councillors, representatives of organizations and agencies throughout the County and many concerned citizens of Haliburton County.

For further information and to reserve a seat, please call Tamara Wilbee at the County Offices at 705-286-1333. You are welcome even if you aren't able to call ahead, but your early response will help us to arrange seating and refreshments.

Invitations, in the form of flyers have been distributed throughout the County. Watch the bulletin boards in your local grocery or general store, post office and municipal office to pick up a copy. Watch this space next week for some comments on the importance of people becoming involved in initiating and managing projects.

We look forward to seeing you on July 24 at the Haliburton Legion.

County of Haliburton Strategic Planning Committee - Jeanne Anthon, Doug Holman and Jock Mavor.



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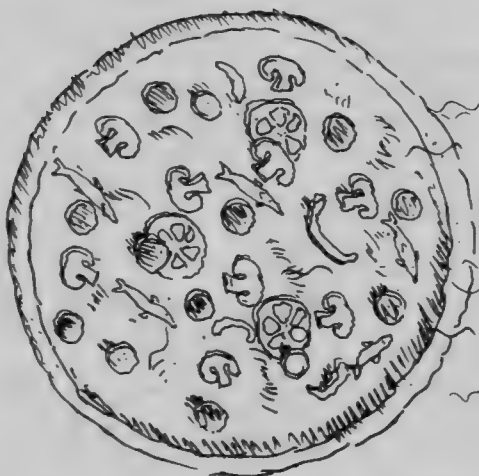
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Lots of activity for Canada Day weekend at Hyland Crest

Hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend. There was certainly lots going on in the area. We had a fun time at our happy hour on the 27th with the Grandfathers. On Saturday we really enjoyed the fresh strawberries with shortcake and cream at the Annual Strawberry Tea put on by the Ladies Auxiliary. Thanks to Dollo's IGA for the donated strawberries and Kawartha Dairy for the cream. And a big thank you to the Ladies Auxiliary for all their work in hosting this event.

The weekend here was very busy with lots of people coming and going, despite the heat. However we are remaining quite comfortable here with lots of fans going.

On Sunday, the 27th, Lola Prentice, Nina Prentice and Murial Harrison attended the Prentice Reunion held at the cottage of Cliff Prentice (third generation) on Horseshoe Lake. Many relatives attended and the ladies had fun talking over old times. The following day, a full bus left here for a visit to Mr. D's, where we enjoyed coffee and doughnuts.

For Canada Day a bus trip had been planned for us to join in the celebrations in Minden. However, due to the high temperature and humidity, the trip was cancelled. But we did appreciate the lovely music which we were able to hear at our home, coming from down-

town. Also our thanks to Gord Kidd and his group for the great music Friday evening by the river. We are able to hear you also from our home.

Senior League

The Roving Reporters

also learned that Robbie Young is out of intensive care and is coming along fine.

A big thank you to Dick and Sylvia Thompson for the many hours spent improving the palliative care room with its new decor. The room is lovely and cheerful.

This afternoon, July 2, we will be taking a "countryside drive" and no doubt stopping for our ice cream on the way home. Tomorrow our weekly tea party will be served by the ladies of St. Peter's of Maple Lake.

We miss Mr. and Mrs. Schmidt at our chapel and also at the Grandfather's social evenings. We under-

A warm welcome back to Lucille Clark who has returned from her stay in the hospital, and is steadily improving. We have

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Guess that's all the news this week. Keep smiling and remember "If you think you're too small to be effective, you've never been in bed with a mosquito."



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The Haliburton County Board of Education invites tenders for the installation of a new septic system at the Dorset Elementary School.

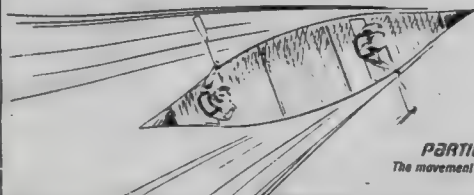
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Around the County Town

by Gord Graham (call 286-6506-- FAX 286-3460)

Visiting with Florence Robinson on Monday, June 30 were Audrey and John Dunn of Dowling.

Bid euchre games at Stanhope Firehall on Wednesday June 25 saw 6 moonshots. The winners for the evening included: Marcel Rousselle with 296; Milt Fletcher 273; Gayla Stamp 267; Elsie Henderson 289; Pat Rousselle 278; and Pearl Foster 237. Our thanks to Gayla Stamp for calling in the results.

Congratulations to Laura Fitzell who won first prize of a basket of gourmet goodies at the Hyland Crest Strawberry Tea. Second prize went to Lee Parker and third prize to Isobel O'Brien. All the winners are from Minden.

Just this past week we heard the story about an old-timer named Gruffy Jack who may or may not have lived in these parts. Museum supervisor Marvella Smith heard of him too and the story is that he might have had a lot of money. She has started a search for this Gruffy Jack. If you want to know more, visit the museum and ask Marvella about Gruffy Jack, or better still keep an eye out around town, because you just might see Gruffy Jack.

Club 35 euchre game winners for June 30 included Marjorie Cowen with

most lone hands, Jeanne Penick and Murray Daniels with the highs and Jean Randall and Stan Walters with the lows. The 50-50 draw went to Verna Sawyer and the bologna to Jeanne Penick.

Jeanne Sears was in Ottawa last weekend visiting with her brother Gordon and his wife Margaret Murchison. Also visiting the Murchisons were Betty Lynn Churchill of Kitchener and Alec Murchison of King City, two of his children and also Jeanne's son Glen and his wife Louise Sears of Scarborough.

There were 6 tables of bridge at Stanhope last Tuesday despite the Canada Day holiday when many players were hosting family. Muriel MacIntosh was first and the Heald's, Fred and Helen, made it a family affair coming in

second and third.

Results from the Stanhope Bid Euchre played Wednesday July 2 at the Fire Fighters Hall included: four moonshots and the following scores: Wally Thompson 306; Don Burtch 300; Ken Wallace 275; Marjorie Fletcher 268; Helen Cassidy 253; and Betty Harpur 245. Congratulations all.

About 40 people attended a surprise birthday party for Janice Shaw on Saturday, June 28. Manny happy returns Janice.

Winners at St. Paul's Friendship Club euchre games on Monday June 30 included Verna McDonald with most lone hands, Elli Langpohl, high man and Pearl Cowen high lady and Betty Hardy with the low. The 50-50 draw went to

Fern Donnelly. The group meets every Monday at the church at 1:30 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Sincerest congratulations to all the wonderful people of Minden who gave of their time and effort to make our Canada Day celebrations such an enjoyable occasion. The atmosphere was fantastic, the music most enjoyable and the antique car display was magnificent. Just wandering around the village, seeing old friends and catching up was delightful. You really are great folks and it is a pleasure to live here.

Just a reminder that Gord is off again this week on a well-deserved holiday. If you have an item for the column, please call *The Times* at 286-1288 or fax it to 286-4768.

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I would like to thank everyone who participated to make our "Canada Day" Guessing Jars another great success this year. A very special thank you goes to Minden valu-mart for donating the candy to fill our jars. **L.A. Sports Officer Br. 636 Beverly Johnson.**

CARDS OF THANKS

Ingoldsby U.C.W. would like to say "Thank You" to everyone who attended the Strawberry Supper & Bazaar on Saturday, June 28. Many "thanks" also to all the great people who helped in any way to make the day such a success. We wish you all a safe and happy summer.

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On June 27th and 28th, 1997, the Minden Lions Club held its annual Bed Pan Blitz, beating last year's total of \$1,165.15. This is my third year chairing the event and again we were amazed by the support we received from our local residents and the visiting cottagers. On behalf of our club, I wish to thank our local liquor store for allowing us to set up camp again this year; our Minden hospital for the dressing gowns and bed pans, and the Lioness Club who helped out again this year. I would like to make a special thank you to May and Jo from the Barrie Lioness Club who helped us this year in our worthwhile cause. Last, but not least, to those who generously donated again this year, we thank you, because without those donations we would not be able to help our local community projects as well as the Minden Hospital. I am very pleased to say your donations this year totalled \$1,202.07. Thank you all. **Lioness Michelle Moore, Chairperson, 1997.**

AT REST

SCRIBNER, Ellen

Suddenly on Tuesday, July 1, 1997 at the Norfolk General Hospital, Simcoe, in her 76th year. Loving wife of Bruce Scribner. Dear sister of Einar Siir of Whitewood, Saskatchewan and Jennie Koski of Somoma, California. Arrangements for cremation are being taken care of through the **BALDOCK FUNERAL HOME, Simcoe.** Expressions of sympathy to the V.O.N. Simcoe would be appreciated.

NUNN, Elizabeth T.

Passed away peacefully at Extendicare Nursing Home, Haliburton on Friday July 4, 1997, in her 91st year. Beloved mother of Robert, Thomas, Betty, Coletta, Rose and predeceased by daughter Mary Margaret. Survived by 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Family and friends visited at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church, Haliburton on Sunday. Mass of Resurrection will be held at St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church on Monday July 7th, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. Interment Maple Lake Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Alzheimers Society would be appreciated by the family. Arrangements entrusted to the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden (705) 286-2181.

AT REST

BURNS, Kathy

At Peterborough Civic Hospital on Wednesday, July 2, 1997 in her 88th year. Beloved wife of the late Robert Edward Burns. Loving mother of Robert of Haliburton and Jim (Linda) of Oshawa. Fondly remembered by her granddaughter Kim Burns of Oshawa. Dear sister of Ivy and Lil and Edward. Predeceased by brother James. Also lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. Friends called at the **HALIBURTON COMMUNITY FUNERAL HOME, Hwy #118, Haliburton (705) 457-9209** on Thursday, July 3, 1997 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral Service was held in the Chapel on Friday morning, July 4, 1997 at 10 o'clock. Interment Resthaven Memorial Gardens, Scarborough. As expressions of sympathy, donations to the Extendicare Oldtimers' Group would be appreciated by the family.

COOKE, Violet I.

Passed away at the Minden Hospital, on Thursday July 3, 1997, in her 94th year. Loving mother of Fred and his wife Donna of Coburg. Loving grandmother of Jamie and Jason. Survived by her brother Herb Hancock of Minden. Dear lifelong friend of Arthur Williams of Kinmount. Family and friends may visit at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home, 127 Main Street, Minden, from 1:00-2:00 p.m. with the Complete Funeral Service to follow in the Chapel at 2:00 p.m. Private Interment at Kinmount Cemetery. Memorial donations to the Charity of your choice would be appreciated by the family.

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Send money quickly, almost anywhere in the world!

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IGA
**VIDEO
RENTAL**
**NEW
RELEASES**

Available
at Dollo's I.G.A.
TUESDAY, JULY 8th

- Absolute Power
- Vegas Vacation

**2 For 1
Tuesday!**

Most up-to-date
new releases
every Tuesday!

**Come in
and check
us out!**

\$2.99
all New Releases
.99

Children's Videos
as well as selected

\$1.99
Manager Specials
on great movies

All movies due back -
4:00 p.m. the following day!

**WEDNESDAY
is
SENIORS
DAY (65+)**

5%

OFF ALL ITEMS

except Tobacco,
Advertised Specials
Movie Sales & Rentals

Store Hours

Monday 8 - 6
Tuesday 8 - 6
Wednesday 8 - 8
Thursday 8 - 9
Friday 8 - 9
Saturday 8 - 6
Sunday 10 - 5